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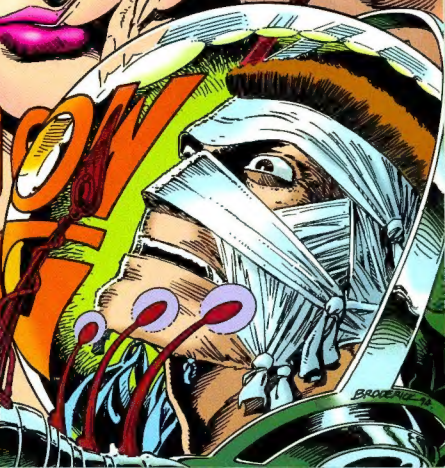
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Stan Lee Presents:

# SAVAGE DECLINE

YOU  
HAVE VIOLATED  
THE TEMPLE  
GROUNDS  
OF THE BLACK  
SUN!

RETRIBUTION  
WILL BE  
EXACTED—

— AND  
TAKEN IN  
BLOOD!

BLAME IT ON THE THICK  
AND OPPRESSIVE HEAT OF  
THE JUNGLE SWAMPS.

BLAME IT ON THE MALARIAL  
BITES OF CIGAR-SIZED,  
PREHISTORIC INSECTS.

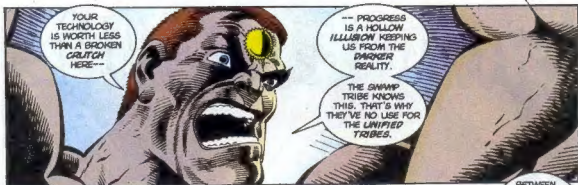
BLAME IT ON THE SWEET,  
HALLUCINOGENIC PERFUME  
OF THE BLACK LOTUS.

NO MATTER THE  
CAUSE, THE FACT  
REMAINS— HERE IN  
THIS REMOTE  
REGION OF THE  
SAVAGE LAND—

— ALCHEMAX EXECUTIVE  
CHRISTIAN L'ARGENT HAS  
GONE INSANE.

TELEGRAPHED FROM POINTS DEEP  
IN THE HEART OF DARKNESS BY  
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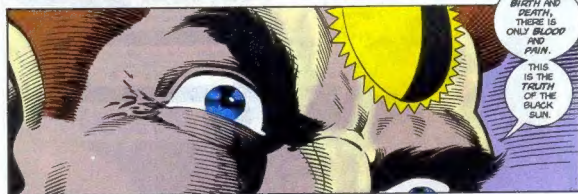
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YOUR  
TECHNOLOGY  
IS WORTH LESS  
THAN A BROKEN  
CRUTCH  
HERE--

-- PROGRESS  
IS A HOLLOW  
ILLUSION KEEPING  
US FROM THE  
DARKER  
REALITY.

THE SHAWP  
TRIBE KNOWS  
THIS. THAT'S WHY  
THEY'VE NO USE FOR  
THE UNIFIED  
TRIBES.



BETWEEN  
BIRTH AND  
DEATH,  
THERE IS  
ONLY BLOOD  
AND PAIN.

THIS  
IS THE  
TRUTH OF THE  
BLACK SUN.



THIS  
IS THE  
TRUTH YOU  
WILL LEARN  
BEFORE YOU  
DIE.

L'ARGENT, YOU  
DISMISS TECHNOLOGY, WHILE  
YOUR MEN LEVEL TWENTY-  
FIRST CENTURY WEAPONS AT  
OUR HEADS.

I THINK YOU  
ARE SIMPLY ANOTHER  
SPIRITUALLY VACANT  
WESTERNER FLIRTING WITH  
PRIMITIVISM.

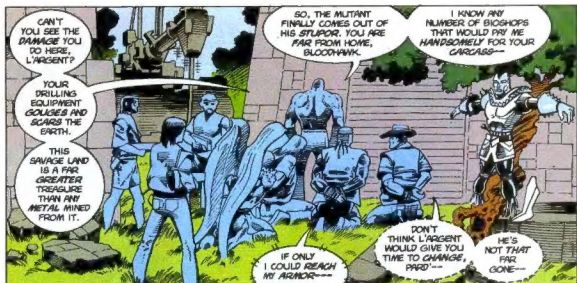
I HAVE  
BEEN INITIATED INTO  
THE BLACK SUN BY THE  
TRIBAL SHAMAN.

I DON'T  
EXPECT YOU TO  
UNDERSTAND.

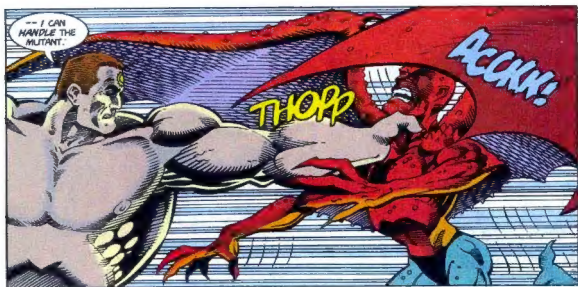


CAREFUL,  
DOOM. MY FATHER  
USED TO TELL ME "NEVER  
ARGUE RELIGION OR POLITICS  
WHEN GUNS ARE WITHIN REACH."

SOME  
ARGUMENTS  
YOU CAN'T WIN.











LATER.

I GOT TWO PROBLEMS WITH THIS, L'ARGENT.

ONE--- THE COMPANY SANCTIONED DEFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST HOSTILE LOCALS-- BUT NOT OUT AND OUT MURDER.

TWO--- AND MORE IMPORTANT--- IF ANOTHER QUAKE OCCURS WHILE WE'RE INSIDE, THIS TEMPLE BECOMES OUR TOMBSTONE.

YOUR OBJECTIONS ARE NOTED AND OVERRULED.

BEHOLD THE ETERNAL FLAME.

BENEATH US BURNS THE FIERY GEOTHERMAL HEART THAT WARMS THE SAVAGE LAND.

BY THIS LIGHT ARE ALL SOULS REVEALED.

BE GRATEFUL. YOU WILL BURN QUICKLY IN THE PIT---

-- AND YOUR DEATHS WILL HAVE PURPOSE.

L'ARGENT'S SECOND IN COMMAND IS CLEARLY UNNERVED BY HIS SUPERIOR'S BLACK SUN CONVERSION.

THAT COULD WORK IN OUR FAVOR.

AGREED. I THINK THAT BOY'S HOLD ON REALITY IS SHAKY AT BEST.







NONE BUT THE INITIATES OF THE BLACK SUN KNOW THOSE WORDS. WHO ARE YOU?

I AM VICTOR VON DOOM. IT SEEMS THE SWAMP TRIBE HAS ATLANTEAN ANCEST--



YOU LIE! VON DOOM NEVER LEAVES HIS ISLAND FORTRESS.

WHO SENT YOU HERE?

ELDER, BRING ME THE LOTUS TO BREAK DOWN THIS ONE'S RESISTANCE.



I AM DOOM.



YOU MUST BE ONE OF HIS PUPPETS--

SENT TO DISCOVER HOW MUCH I UNCOVERED ABOUT YOUR MASTER.

I CAN TELL BY YOUR EYES THAT THE DRUG BEGINS ITS WORK.

DO YOU FEEL CAUGHT IN A CENTRIFUGE THAT SPINS YOU AROUND AND AROUND, FASTER AND FASTER?

I HAVE NO MAST-- KAFF KAFF



WHEN THE CAROUSEL SLOWS, YOU WILL TELL ME EVERYTHING, LITTLE MAN.

EVERYTHING.





I TRY TO RESIST,  
BUT THE LOTUS  
BETRAYS ME...

... I FALL AND TUMBLE AND  
SPIN THROUGH A HAZE OF  
CONFUSION AND SELF DOUBT.

I AM VICTOR VON DOOM,  
SCIENTIST, SCHOLAR,  
GYPSY, MONARCH--

-- RETURNED TO THIS ERA  
AFTER A LONG,  
UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE.

MY MEMORY HAS  
REMAINED LAVENTABLY  
INCOMPLETE SINCE MY  
RETURN TO LATVERIA.

I CANNOT IGNORE MY  
SURPRISING YOUTH FOR  
A MAN BORN IN THE  
TWENTIETH CENTURY.

LATELY I HAVE BEGUN  
TO EXPERIENCE  
FRAGMENTED MEMORIES  
OF ANOTHER LIFE.

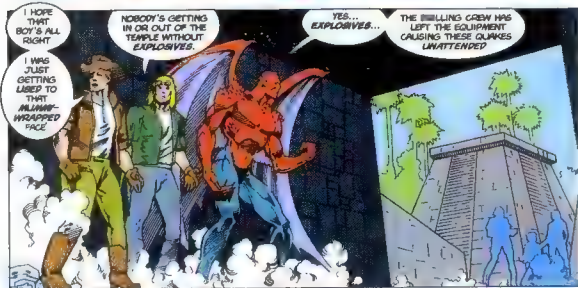
I MUST BE DOOM.

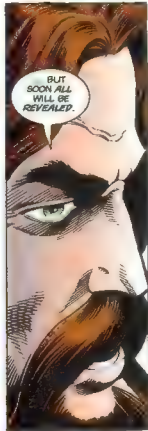
I WILL NOT BE  
ANYONE ELSE.

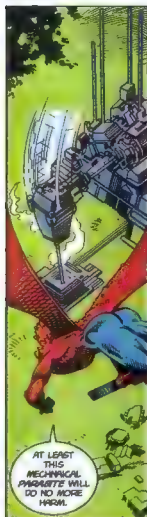
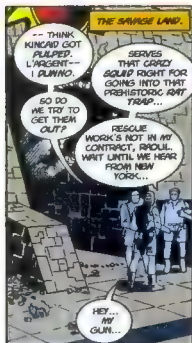
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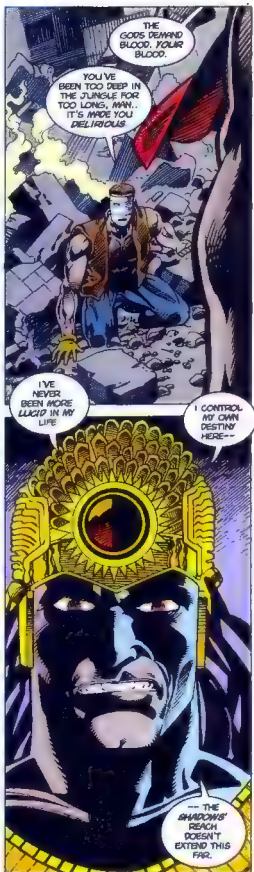


















YOU SEE, TRUTH CAN BE A DANGEROUS AND VOLATILE THING TO POSSESS.

THEY WOULD KILL ME IF THEY FOUND OUT HOW MUCH I KNOW



THEN TELL ME OF THESE SECRETS YOU KEEP.

SINCE YOU WILL BE DEAD SOON, I WILL ANSWER YOU.



WHILE AT ALCHEMAX, INFORMATION FROM THE MYRIADIAN DATABASES FELL INTO MY HANDS

IT SHOWED CONCLUSIVELY THAT NEITHER ALCHEMAX, STARK-FLUTIKAWA, NOR ANY OF THE CORPORATE GIANTS WIELD THE POWER THEY BELIEVE THEY DO

THEY ARE MERELY CASTLES ON THE SHADOW'S CHESSBOARD.



I KNOW HAVING THIS INFORMATION MARKED ME FOR DEATH. SO I CAME TO THE SAVAGE LAND--

-- PRETENDING TO BE THE DRIVEN AND LOYAL ALCHEMAX EXECUTIVE--

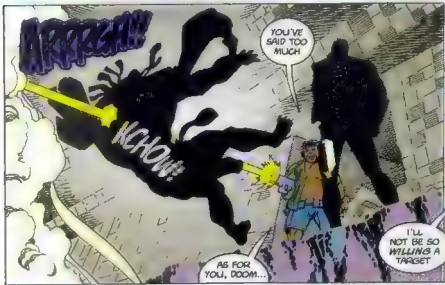
-- WHILE FORTIFYING MYSELF AGAINST THE TIME WHEN THE SHADOWS WOULD COME AFTER ME!



YOU SPEAK IN GENERALITIES. DO THESE SHADOWS HAVE NAMES?

CHONGK













THE SOUTH  
PACIFIC.

YOU  
AND YOUR  
MECHANICAL  
TOYS.

ALWAYS  
SO  
VIOLENT.

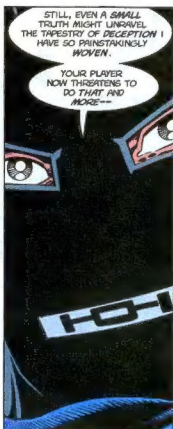
THE  
OFFICIAL  
REPORT WILL  
BLAME THE  
SWAMP TRIBE  
FOR KINCAID AND  
L'ARGENT'S DEATH.

I WILL  
MISS  
L'ARGENT.

FEEDING  
HIS PARANOIA  
MADE FOR AN  
ENTERTAINING  
DIVERSION.

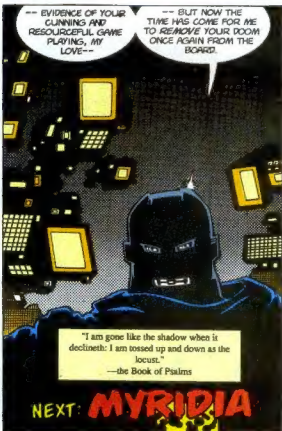


BUT  
HE HELD SUCH  
A TINY  
FRACTION OF  
THE TRUTH IN  
THAT LOTUS  
ADDLED  
MIND.



STILL, EVEN A SMALL  
TRUTH MIGHT UNRAVEL  
THE TAPESTRY OF DECEPTION I  
HAVE SO PAINSTAKINGLY  
WOVEN.

YOUR PLAYER  
NOW THREATENS TO  
DO THAT AND  
MORE---



-- EVIDENCE OF YOUR  
CUNNING AND  
RESOURCEFUL GAME  
PLAYING, MY  
LOVE--

-- BUT NOW THE  
TIME HAS COME FOR ME  
TO REMOVE YOUR DOOM  
ONCE AGAIN FROM THE  
BOARD.

"I am gone like the shadow when it  
declineth: I am tossed up and down as the  
locust."

—the Book of Psalms

NEXT: **MYRIDIA**

# VOICES OF DOOM

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ALL LETTERS CORRESPONDENTS  
MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME &  
ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH WE WILL  
GLADLY WITHHOLD THAT FROM  
YOUR REQUEST

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ASSISTANT EDITOR

## Out Of My Head

This is your first warning.

We are planning a major, I repeat, major change in what we've come to refer to fondly as the 2099 Universe. It's going to start in this book, shortly after our big, double-sized 25th Anniversary issue.

The turn of events will outrage some of you. Others will wonder what took us so long.

This is not a crossover. It is an event that starts here and has repercussions echoing throughout the 2099 books.

Dear Doom Dudes,

DOOM 2099 is great! I count the weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds and nanoseconds till the next issue.

Nicholas Godfrey  
(Address withheld by request)

Joey tried that but he ran out of fingers.

Dear Joey & Lia,

I've read DOOM 2099 since #1 and it's never let me down. The art's always great (no matter who the artist is) and the story is one of the best in the Marvel Universe (present and future). If you keep publishing such great stories, I won't mind paying \$25 for an issue.

About #17, Radian is a fascinating new character; not to mention the Ylesstia. I hope they don't disappear after this storyline is over. In issue #15, Doom wondered about the fate of the alien races. So are you guys going to address this anytime soon?

Martyn DeGreeff  
The Hague, Netherlands

Maybe...starting with a Radian story soon to come!

Latverian Lines,

I congratulate you on one of the best comics, not only in 2099 but ever! Never has a storyline so rich with a plethora of possibilities ever graced comicdom in all of time! If you hadn't noticed, I've taken a liking to Doom. He's always been my favorite good guy/bad guy (depending on the situation). I love Doom's newfound sense of (subtle) humor as noted in #17 and in earlier issues. I subscribe to DOOM 2099 and anxiously await its arrival on my doorstep each month. I love Pat and John's rendition of the "shadowy Doom" prominently displayed on the cover to #17. Have Doom seek and use the assistance of other heroes of the 2099 Universe as in "Fall of the Hammer," an excellent read. Any possibility of Lachryme 2099 appearing in this title? There are

many plot possibilities between the armored mystic and the mistress of the undead from 2099 UNLIMITED.

Without a doubt, this is Doom. I can't wait to hear the whole story revolving around his return. But this is him. Whether he's in an alternate future or not is inconsequential, but why doesn't Doom return to our timeline renewed by his youth via his time-travel circuitry? Of course, they were sieged in issue #1 (which has the best 2099 cover yet), but why can't Doom simply reconstruct it? He is Doom after all.

My theory is that the fall of the Age of Heroes also brought the fall of technology as we know it today and that we were plummeted into a technological Dark Ages. Society and corporations began anew. With all knowledge of such things lost, evolution began again but this time based on a medium other than electricity and Doom has not yet had the time to study this medium in regards to time travel technology or perhaps Doom's Swiss-cheese memory is not yet able to master such power (sorry, Doom, forgive me for such insouciance). Well, enough of my pleasure-enhanced guesses. Thanks again for an excellent comic. I also can't wait to see how the present day Doom gets out of his current fix.

Roger Cook  
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Look for another Lachryme story in an upcoming issue of 2099 UNLIMITED. As for Doom time-traveling, Rog, maybe the Lord of Latveria sees no point in returning to the past when he's got an entire new world to conquer.

Dear Voices of Doom,

Issue #17 brought us back on track from the fill-in of #16, but right away I noticed things still weren't entirely back to normal. John Francis Moore had done the plot, but the story was scripted by Peter David. Why no explanation for this? All in all, Peter did a nice job on the issue. One thing that bothered me was Doom's dialogue. I hope John gets back next issue.

The art was some of the best that Pat Broderick, John Nyberg and Christie Scheele have done so far. The looks inside of Doom's armor were cool. I've seen similar views of Iron Man, but this is the first one of Doom.

That Feng Huang is a mean one. Radian is a great new character too. I was a little surprised at how human he looked but I really had no idea what to expect under the armor. Apparently Radian learned Earth's languages through some kind of telepathy. The mention of Latverian was interesting because the only other time I heard it mentioned was in MOON KNIGHT #39 and 40. Everyone

I've seen from Latveria speaks English. I guess Latveria has two official languages.

DOOM 2099 is definitely 2099's greatest comic magazine. The characters, art and writing are simply the best. Anyway, until the Ylesstia turn out to be Skrulls in disguise, make mine Marvel 2099!

Matt Kuhns  
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We did mention that John was on vacation, Matt. The guy needed a break from writing both DOOM and X-MEN 2099. Lucky for us we got Peter David to help out. Thanks again, Peter, you're a prince.

Dear Voices of Doom,

As a new fan of DOOM 2099, I'm writing to tell you how much I love the series. I read my son's issue #1 and became addicted. I've just finished collecting all the back issues (#14 was real hard to find! After six different stores the last one had one copy left) and I find I can't put them down! I love the way you blend high tech reality with comic book fantasy. I'm a 36 year old engineer with a high tech company, father of three and I just love this series. I am hooked and can't wait for the next issue.

Vinny Costantino  
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We make these comics for guys like you, Vin. And if kids like 'em, too, hey, so much the better!

Dear Voices of Doom,

First time writer, long time reader. DOOM 2099 is one of my many favorite titles! I'm looking forward to the anniversary issue. It'd be great to see some of the original Fantastic Four, especially the ever-lovin' blue eyed Thing. I'd also like to see Doom and the Beyonder get together; those guys really make waves. Finally, I'd like to thank Marvel Comics for its large variety.


Brent Ruiz  
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Thanks for noticing the variety, Brent! We try to have something for every taste, especially in 2099 UNLIMITED!

## NEXT ISSUE

Who really runs the world of 2099? The answers may lie in Myridia...info capital of the world, where secrets are for sale, trade or stealing! It's also the stage for a re-match with Doom's fiercest adversary...one you never expected to see again!





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